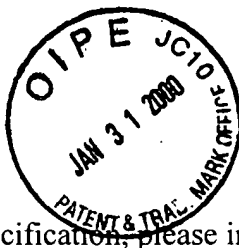


IN THE SPECIFICATION:



On page 18, line 7 of the specification, please insert the word --water-- after the word "plasma".

On page 23, line 4 of the specification, please delete "do become" and insert in lieu thereof --do not become--.

On page 25, line 2 of the specification, please delete "0-40" and insert in lieu thereof --30-40--.

On page 28, line 3 of the specification, please insert the word --readily-- before the word "transported".

On page 31, line 15 of the specification, please replace "(125 µg/dl)" with --(125 µg/dl)--.

On page 31, line 17 of the specification, please replace "(225 µg/dl)" with --(234 µg/dl)--.

On page 32, line 9 of the specification, please insert the word --water-- after the word "plasma".

On page 33, line 13 of the specification, please replace "(225 µg/dl)" with --(234 µg/dl)--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 24 and 32 as follows:

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24. (Amended) An aqueous composition, comprising:  
water;  
a plurality of electrolytes dissolved in the water, [such that] the electrolytes  
[have] having a concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 12,940  
mEq/L; and  
an iron complex dissolved in the water, the complex comprising one or more  
divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and having a molecular weight  
of less than about 50,000.

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32. (Amended) A method for making an aqueous composition useful as a  
dialysate or a dialysate concentrate, comprising, dissolving into water (i) a plurality of  
electrolytes [such that the electrolytes have a] in an amount effective to provide an electrolyte  
concentration in the water of from about 223 mEq/L to about 12,940 mEq/L, and (ii) an iron  
complex comprising one or more divalent or trivalent iron ions and one or more anions and  
having a molecular weight of less than about 50,000, to provide an aqueous composition.

#### REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The present application, as amended, includes claims 24-45, pending and under  
consideration.

As a preliminary matter, a number of amendments have been made to the  
specification for clarification or to correct typographical errors. The same amendments

#### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FIRST ACTION

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